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Mr. John C. Kiriakou
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Dear Mr. Kiriakou:

The Publications Review Board has completed its review of your manuscript entitled "The Convenient Terrorist." In accordance with the terms of your secrecy agreement, the Board has determined that the following information in your manuscript is inappropriate for disclosure in the public domain (i.e., is considered to be classified information) and must be revised or deleted prior to publication.

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The Board appreciates your cooperation with prepublication review. Please do not hesitate to contact the Publications Review Board at [redacted] if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

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Sincerely,

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